



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION ASSIGNING THE COUNTY'S RIGHT TO APPLY FOR SECOND
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT SPECIFIED EXCESS FUNDS TO THE BALDWIN HILLS REGIONAL
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT IN BALDWIN HILLS
PURSUANT TO THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to assign the County's right to apply for \$3,274,380 of Second Supervisorial District Specified Excess Funds, allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation by the Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District, pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority for acquisition and development in the Baldwin Hills.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the project consists of acquisition of land to preserve open space or lands for park purposes for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the Project.
2. Adopt the attached Resolution assigning the County's right to apply for \$3,274,380 of Second Supervisorial District Specified Excess Funds to the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority, allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, for the acquisition of land and development of related facilities and public access in Baldwin Hills.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to assign the County's right to apply for \$3,274,380 of Second Supervisorial District Specified Excess Funds, pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (Authority). Funding will be used for the acquisition of lands for park, wildlife, natural and open space purposes and for development of appurtenant recreation facilities and public access in Baldwin Hills.

In a related action on today's agenda, the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) is requesting that your Board allocate \$3,274,380 available to the Second Supervisorial District to the Department and that your Board adopt the Resolution assigning the County's right to apply for these funds to the Authority when applicable conditions have been met.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3), by enhancing recreational opportunities in the Baldwin Hills area of the Second District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended actions will have no impact on the County's General Fund as sufficient appropriation in the amount of \$3,274,380 is budgeted in the Second Supervisorial District's portion of the District's Specified Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition provides a method of determining each fiscal year the amount of Excess Funds that will be available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996.

County Counsel has approved the attached Resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15325 (f) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 25 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the proposed project consists of acquisition of land to preserve open space or lands for park purposes.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended action will not have a negative impact on any other services or any current or planned projects; it will allow for the acquisition and development of additional open space and recreational opportunities within Baldwin Hills.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office and one adopted copy to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", with a stylized, flowing script.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

RG:JW:FP

Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**APPROVING ASSIGNMENT OF THE COUNTY'S RIGHT TO APPLY TO THE BALDWIN
HILLS REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR COUNTY SPECIFIED EXCESS
FUNDS PURSUANT TO THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996**

WHEREAS, the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) allocated funding to the County of Los Angeles (County) to provide funding for the acquisition and development of parks and recreational areas owned or operated by the County; and

WHEREAS, the County may assign its right to apply for these funds to other agencies consistent with the purposes of the 1996 Proposition; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (Authority) is requesting \$3,274,380 in County Specified Excess Funds for the acquisition of land and for development of related recreational facilities, other amenities, and public access in Baldwin Hills (Project); and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it is in the County's best interest to assign its right to apply for these funds to the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority will submit an amendment to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to supplement an existing grant to fund the Project. The Authority will be required to provide assurances to the District that the funds will be expended in accordance with the intent of the 1996 Proposition and the Procedural Guidelines adopted by your Board, acting as the Board of Directors for the District ; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors hereby:

Adopts this Resolution assigning the County's right to apply for \$3,274,380 of Specified Excess Funds to the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority for implementation of the above mentioned Project.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the _____ day of _____, 2012, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, Agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN KRATTLI
County Counsel

By _____
CHRISTINA A. SALSEDA
Principal Deputy County Counsel